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## **The Two Testimonies of Faith {Their Meaning, Virtues, Conditions and Nullifiers}**

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### Ash-Shahadah

**Linguistic meaning:** Open affirmation

**Technical meaning:** To affirm with the heart, the tongue and to have firm faith that there is none worthy of worship in truth except Allah, and that Mohammed (ﷺ) is the slave and Messenger of Allah.

لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ

**The Meaning of 'La ilaha illAllah' - There is no deity worthy of worship, in truth, except Allah**

We shall first begin by explaining the true meaning of the testimony 'La ilaha illAllah', which is to believe and affirm that there is no deity worthy of worship, in truth, except Allah, holding on to it and acting in accordance with it. 'La ilaha' is negating that anybody has the right to be worshipped except Allah, whoever it might be. 'illAllah' is affirming the Right of Allah alone to be worshipped.

**La ilaha illAllah has two pillars:**

- 1) The First Pillar: Negation** - 'La ilaha' negates all forms of Shirk and its' types, and necessitates disbelieving in everything that is worshipped other than Allah.
- 2) The Second Pillar: Affirmation** - 'illAllah' affirms that none is worthy of worship, in truth, except Allah and requires one to act upon everything it encompasses.

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The meaning of these two pillars has been mentioned in many verses, like the Saying of Allah:

فَمَنْ يَكْفُرْ بِالطَّاغُوتِ وَيُؤْمِنْ بِاللَّهِ فَقَدِ اسْتَمْسَكَ بِالْعُرْوَةِ الْوُثْقَىٰ لَا انْفِصَامَ لَهَا وَاللَّهُ سَمِيعٌ عَلِيمٌ

“...Whosoever declares kufr on (rejects) Taghoot then believes in Allaah, he has grasped the most trustworthy knot of Islam...”<sup>1</sup>

His Saying, 'Whoever disbelieves in Taghoot' is the meaning of the first pillar, i.e., La ilaha. His Saying, 'believes in Allah' is the meaning of the second pillar, i.e., illAllah.

### Proof from the Qur'an:

Allah says:

ذَٰلِكَ بِأَنَّ اللَّهَ هُوَ الْحَقُّ وَأَنَّ مَا يَدْعُونَ مِن دُونِهِ هُوَ الْبَاطِلُ وَأَنَّ اللَّهَ هُوَ الْعَلِيُّ الْكَبِيرُ

“That is because Allah is the Truth, and that which they call upon other than Him is falsehood, and because Allah is the Most High, the Grand.”<sup>2</sup>

فَاعْلَمْ أَنَّهُ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَاسْتَغْفِرْ لِذَنْبِكَ وَلِلْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ

“So know, [O Muhammad], that there is none worthy of worship in truth except Allah and ask forgiveness for your sin and for the believing men and believing women.”<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Qur'an: Surah al-Baqarah: 256

<sup>2</sup> Qur'an: Surah Hajj: 62

<sup>3</sup> Qur'an: Surah Muhammed: 19

### Proof from the Hadith:

عَنِ ابْنِ عُمَرَ، عَنِ النَّبِيِّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ قَالَ " بُنِيَ الْإِسْلَامُ عَلَى خَمْسَةٍ عَلَى أَنْ يُوحَدَ اللَّهُ  
وَإِقَامَ الصَّلَاةِ وَإِيتَاءِ الزَّكَاةِ وَصِيَامِ رَمَضَانَ وَالْحَجِّ "

It is narrated on the authority of ('Abdullah) son of Umar (may Allah be pleased with them) that the Prophet (ﷺ) said: (The superstructure of) al-Islam is raised on five (pillars), i. e. the oneness of Allah, the establishment of prayer, payment of Zakat, the fast of Ramadan, Pilgrimage (to Mecca).<sup>4</sup>

### Statements from the Scholars of Islam

Shaykhul Islam ibn Taymiyyah said: The Salaf and the Imams unanimously agree that the first thing the slave is commanded with is to proclaim the two declarations of faith.<sup>5</sup>

Imam Ibn Al-Qayyim said: This testimony includes an indication of Allah's Oneness which opposes polytheism and no one truly fulfils this declaration in a correct manner amongst all of the groups except Ahl As-Sunnah wa al-Jama'ah. As for the groups of innovation, they do not truly shoulder this declaration.<sup>6</sup>

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<sup>4</sup> **Sahih:** Recorded in Sahih Muslim (no. 16a)

<sup>5</sup> **Reference:** At-Ta'afud 8/11 of Imam ibn Taymiyyah.

<sup>6</sup> **Reference:** Madaarij as-Salikeen 3/460 of Imam ibn Qayyim.

### Virtues of The Shahadah

عَنْ عُبَادَةَ - رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ - عَنِ النَّبِيِّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ قَالَ "مَنْ شَهِدَ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ، وَأَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ، وَأَنَّ عِيسَى عَبْدُ اللَّهِ وَرَسُولُهُ وَكَلِمَتُهُ، أَلْقَاهَا إِلَى مَرْيَمَ، وَرُوحٌ مِنْهُ، وَالْجَنَّةُ حَقٌّ وَالنَّارُ حَقٌّ، أَدْخَلَهُ اللَّهُ الْجَنَّةَ عَلَى مَا كَانَ مِنَ الْعَمَلِ".

Narrated by 'Ubadah: The Prophet (ﷺ) said, "If anyone testifies that None has the right to be worshipped but Allah Alone Who has no partners, and that Muhammad is His Slave and His Messenger, and that Jesus is Allah's Slave and His Messenger and His Word which He bestowed on Mary and a Spirit created by Him, and that Paradise is true, and Hell is true, Allah will admit him into Paradise with the deeds which he had done even if those deeds were few."<sup>7</sup>

عَنْ عَبْدِ اللَّهِ - رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ - قَالَ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ "مَنْ مَاتَ يُشْرِكُ بِاللَّهِ شَيْئًا دَخَلَ النَّارَ". وَقُلْتُ أَنَا مَنْ مَاتَ لَا يُشْرِكُ بِاللَّهِ شَيْئًا دَخَلَ الْجَنَّةَ.

Narrated by `Abdullah: Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) said, "Anyone who dies worshipping others along with Allah will definitely enter the Fire." I said, "Anyone who dies worshipping none along with Allah will definitely enter Paradise."<sup>8</sup>

عَنْ عُثْمَانَ، قَالَ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ "مَنْ مَاتَ وَهُوَ يَعْلَمُ أَنَّهُ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ دَخَلَ الْجَنَّةَ".

It is narrated on the authority of 'Uthman that the Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) said. He who died knowing (fully well) that there is none worthy of worship in truth except Allah entered Paradise.<sup>9</sup>

<sup>7</sup> **Sahih:** Recorded in Sahih Bukhari (no. 3435)

<sup>8</sup> **Sahih:** Recorded in Sahih Bukhari (no. 1238)

<sup>9</sup> **Sahih:** Recorded in Sahih Muslim (no. 26a)

عَنْ أَبِي هُرَيْرَةَ، قَالَ كُنَّا مَعَ النَّبِيِّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ فِي مَسِيرٍ - قَالَ - فَانْفَدْتُ أَزْوَادَ الْقَوْمِ قَالَ حَتَّى هَمَّ بِنَحْرِ بَعْضِ حِمَائِلِهِمْ - قَالَ - فَقَالَ عُمَرُ يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ لَوْ جَمَعْتَ مَا بَقِيَ مِنْ أَزْوَادِ الْقَوْمِ فَدَعَوْتَ اللَّهَ عَلَيْهَا . قَالَ فَفَعَلَ - قَالَ - فَجَاءَ ذُو الْبُرِّ بِبُرِّهِ وَذُو التَّمْرِ بِتَمْرِهِ - قَالَ وَقَالَ مُجَاهِدٌ وَذُو النَّوَاةِ بِنَوَاهُ - قُلْتُ وَمَا كَانُوا يَصْنَعُونَ بِالنَّوَى قَالَ كَانُوا يَمْصُونَهُ وَيَشْرَبُونَ عَلَيْهِ الْمَاءَ . قَالَ فَدَعَا عَلَيْهَا - قَالَ - حَتَّى مَلَأَ الْقَوْمُ أَزْوَدَتَهُمْ - قَالَ - فَقَالَ عِنْدَ ذَلِكَ " أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَأَنَّي رَسُولُ اللَّهِ لَا يَلْقَى اللَّهَ بِهِمَا عَبْدٌ غَيْرُ شَاكٍّ فِيهِمَا إِلَّا دَخَلَ الْجَنَّةَ " .

It is narrated on the authority of Abu Hurairah: We were accompanying the Messenger (ﷺ) in a march (towards Tabuk). He (the narrator) said: The provisions with the people were almost depleted. He (the narrator) said: (And the situation became so critical) that they (the men of the army) decided to slaughter some of their camels. He (the narrator) said: Upon this Umar said: Messenger of Allah (ﷺ), I wish that you should pool together what has been left out of the provisions with the people and then invoke (the blessings of) Allah upon it. He (the narrator) said: He (the Holy Prophet) did it accordingly. He (the narrator) said: The one who had wheat in his possession came there with wheat. He who had dates with him came there with dates. And Mujahid said: He who possessed stones of dates came there with stones. I (the narrator) said: What did they do with the date-stones. They said: They (the people) sucked them and then drank water over them. He (the narrator) said: He (the Holy Prophet) invoked the blessings (of Allah) upon them (provisions). He (the narrator) said: (And there was such a miraculous increase in the stocks) that the people replenished their provisions fully. He (the narrator) said: At that time he (the Holy Prophet) said: I bear testimony to the fact that there is no god but Allah, and I am His messenger. The bondsman who would meet Allah without entertaining any doubt about these (two fundamentals) would enter heaven.<sup>10</sup>

<sup>10</sup> **Sahih:** Recorded in Sahih Muslim (no. 27a)

عَنِ الصُّنَابِيِّ، عَنْ عُبَادَةَ بْنِ الصَّامِتِ، أَنَّهُ قَالَ دَخَلْتُ عَلَيْهِ وَهُوَ فِي الْمَوْتِ فَبَكَيتُ فَقَالَ مَهْلًا لِمَ تَبْكِي فَوَاللَّهِ لَئِنْ اسْتَشْهَدْتُ لِأَشْهَدَنَّ لَكَ وَلَئِنْ شَفَعْتُ لِأَشْفَعَنَّ لَكَ وَلَئِنْ اسْتَطَعْتُ لَأَنْفَعَنَّكَ ثُمَّ قَالَ وَاللَّهِ مَا مِنْ حَدِيثٍ سَمِعْتُهُ مِنْ رَسُولِ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ لَكُمْ فِيهِ خَيْرٌ إِلَّا حَدَّثْتُكُمْ بِهِ إِلَّا حَدِيثًا وَاحِدًا وَسَوْفَ أُحَدِّثُكُمْ بِهِ الْيَوْمَ وَقَدْ أَحِيطَ بِنَفْسِي سَمِعْتُ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ يَقُولُ " مَنْ شَهِدَ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَأَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا رَسُولُ اللَّهِ حَرَّمَ اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ النَّارَ".

It is narrated on the authority of Sunabihi that he went to Ubadah bin Samit when he was about to die. I burst into tears. Upon this he said to me: Allow me some time (so that I may talk with you). Why do you weep? By Allah, if I am asked to bear witness, I would certainly testify for you (that you are a believer). Should I be asked to intercede, I would certainly intercede for you, and if I have the power, I would certainly do good to you, and then observed: By Allah, never did I hear anything from the Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) which could have been a source of benefit to you and then not conveyed it to you except this single hadith. That I intend to narrate to you today, since I am going to breathe my last. I heard the Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) say: He who testifies that there is no god but Allah and that Muhammad is the messenger of Allah, Allah would prohibit the fire of Hell for him.<sup>11</sup>

حَدَّثَنَا أَنَسُ بْنُ مَالِكٍ، أَنَّ النَّبِيَّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ وَمُعَاذُ بْنُ رَدِيفٍ عَلَى الرَّحْلِ قَالَ " يَا مُعَاذُ بْنُ جَبَلٍ قَالَ لَبَّيْكَ يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ وَسَعْدَيْكَ. قَالَ " يَا مُعَاذُ " قَالَ لَبَّيْكَ يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ وَسَعْدَيْكَ. ثَلَاثًا. قَالَ " مَا مِنْ أَحَدٍ يَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَأَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صِدْقًا مِنْ قَلْبِهِ إِلَّا حَرَّمَهُ اللَّهُ عَلَى النَّارِ " قَالَ يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ، أَفَلَا أَخْبَرُ بِهِ النَّاسَ فَيَسْتَبْشِرُوا قَالَ " إِذَا يَتَكَلَّمُوا " وَأَخْبَرَ بِهَا مُعَاذٌ عِنْدَ مَوْتِهِ تَأْمُّمًا.

Narrated by Anas bin Malik: "Once Mu`adh was along with Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) as a companion rider. Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) said, "O Mu`adh bin Jabal." Mu`adh replied, "Labbaik and Sa`daik. O Allah's Messenger (ﷺ)!" Again the Prophet (ﷺ) said, "O Mu`adh!" Mu`adh said thrice, "Labbaik and Sa`daik, O Allah's Messenger (ﷺ)!" Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) said, "There is none who testifies sincerely that none has the right to be worshipped but Allah and Muhammad is his Apostle, except that Allah, will save him from the Hell-fire." Mu`adh said, "O Allah's Messenger (ﷺ)! Should I not inform the people about it so that they may have glad tidings?" He replied, "When the people hear about it, they will solely depend on it." Then Mu`adh narrated the above-mentioned Hadith just before his death, being afraid of committing sin (by not telling the knowledge).<sup>12</sup>

<sup>11</sup> **Sahih:** Recorded in Sahih Muslim (no. 29)

<sup>12</sup> **Sahih:** Recorded in Sahih Bukhari (no 128)

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قَالَ سَمِعْتُ عِثْبَانَ بْنَ مَالِكٍ الْأَنْصَارِيَّ، ثُمَّ أَحَدَ بَنِي سَالِمٍ قَالَ غَدَا عَلَى رَسُولِ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ فَقَالَ " لَنْ يُؤَافِي عَبْدٌ يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ يَقُولُ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ. يَتَّبِعِي بِهِ وَجَهَ اللَّهِ، إِلَّا حَرَّمَ اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ النَّارَ".

Narrated by `Utban bin Malik Al-Ansari: who was one of the men of the tribe of Bani Salim: Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) came to me and said, "If anybody comes on the Day of Resurrection who has said: La ilaha illallah (there is none worthy of worship in truth except Allah), sincerely, with the intention to win Allah's Pleasure, Allah will make the Hell-Fire forbidden for him."<sup>13</sup>

عَنْ أَبِي هُرَيْرَةَ، أَنَّهُ قَالَ قِيلَ يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ، مَنْ أَسْعَدُ النَّاسِ بِشَفَاعَتِكَ يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ " لَقَدْ ظَنَنْتُ يَا أَبَا هُرَيْرَةَ أَنْ لَا يَسْأَلَنِي عَنْ هَذَا الْحَدِيثِ أَحَدٌ أَوْلَ مِنْكَ، لِمَا رَأَيْتُ مِنْ حِرْصِكَ عَلَى الْحَدِيثِ، أَسْعَدُ النَّاسِ بِشَفَاعَتِي يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ مَنْ قَالَ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ، خَالِصًا مِنْ قَلْبِهِ أَوْ نَفْسِهِ".

Narrated by Abu Hurairah: I said: "O Allah's Messenger (ﷺ)! Who will be the luckiest person, who will gain your intercession on the Day of Resurrection?" Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) said: O Abu Hurairah! "I have thought that none will ask me about it before you as I know your longing for the (learning of) Hadiths. The luckiest person who will have my intercession on the Day of Resurrection will be the one who said sincerely from the bottom of his heart "there is none worthy of worship in truth except Allah."<sup>14</sup>

<sup>13</sup> **Sahih:** Recorded in Sahih Bukhari (no. 6423)

<sup>14</sup> **Sahih:** Recorded in Sahih Bukhari (no.99)



## Conditions of the Shahadah

It is obligatory upon all Muslims to know and act upon the conditions of this great statement. I will mention the conditions along with the proofs for each condition.

### The First Condition: Knowledge

We must have knowledge of its' meaning, which is that: 'There is none worthy of worship in truth except Allah' and that worshipping other than Allah is from the greatest of falsities i.e. not permissible under any circumstances.

#### Proof from the Qur'an:

Allah says:

فَاعْلَمْ أَنَّهُ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَاسْتَغْفِرْ لِذَنْبِكَ وَلِلْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ

"So know, [O Muhammad], that there is no deity worthy of worship except Allah and ask forgiveness for your sin and for the believing men and believing women."<sup>15</sup>

وَلَا يَمْلِكُ الَّذِينَ يَدْعُونَ مِنْ دُونِهِ الشَّفَاعَةَ إِلَّا مَنْ شَهِدَ بِالْحَقِّ وَهُمْ يَعْلَمُونَ

"And those they invoke besides Him do not possess [power of] intercession; but only those who testify to the truth [can benefit], and they know."<sup>16</sup>

#### Proof from the Sunnah:

عَنْ عُثْمَانَ، قَالَ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ " مَنْ مَاتَ وَهُوَ يَعْلَمُ أَنَّهُ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ دَخَلَ الْجَنَّةَ."

It is narrated on the authority of 'Uthman that the Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) said. He who died knowing (fully well) that there is none worthy of worship in truth except Allah entered Paradise.<sup>17</sup>

<sup>15</sup> **Qur'an:** Surah Muhammed: 19

<sup>16</sup> **Qur'an:** Surah Zukhruf: 86

<sup>17</sup> **Sahih:** Surah Muslim (no. 26a)

We notice that the Messenger of Allah ﷺ linked the testimony with having knowledge of its meaning and that it is to negate worshipping of anything besides Allah and affirm worship for Allah Alone, without ascribing partners with Him.

### The Second Condition: Certainty

Certainty negates doubts. One must have certainty that Allah is the only true deity who has the right to be worshipped.

#### Proof from the Qur'an:

Allah says:

إِنَّمَا الْمُؤْمِنُونَ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا بِاللَّهِ وَرَسُولِهِ ثُمَّ لَمْ يَرْتَابُوا وَجَاهَدُوا بِأَمْوَالِهِمْ وَأَنْفُسِهِمْ فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ ۚ أُولَٰئِكَ هُمُ الصَّادِقُونَ

“The believers are only the ones who have believed in Allah and His Messenger and then doubt not but strive with their properties and their lives in the cause of Allah. It is those who are the truthful.”<sup>18</sup>

- Allah has affirmed their faith by linking it with their lack of doubts in it; therefore, there is no faith for whoever utters the testimony whilst having doubts in them, even if he repeats it the number of times of his breath or yells out with it for all of the people to hear.

#### Proof from the Sunnah:

عَنْ أَبِي هُرَيْرَةَ، قَالَ كُنَّا مَعَ النَّبِيِّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ فِي مَسِيرٍ - ..... فَقَالَ عِنْدَ ذَلِكَ " أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَأَنَّي رَسُولُ اللَّهِ لَا يَلْقَى اللَّهُ بِهِمَا عَبْدٌ غَيْرُ شَاكٍّ فِيهِمَا إِلَّا دَخَلَ الْجَنَّةَ".

It is narrated on the authority of Abu Hurairah: We were accompanying the Messenger (ﷺ) in a march (towards Tabuk) .... The Messenger (ﷺ) said: I bear testimony to the fact that there is none worthy of worship in truth except Allah, and I am His messenger. The bondsman who would meet Allah without entertaining any doubt about these (two fundamentals) would enter paradise.<sup>19</sup>

<sup>18</sup> Qur'an: Surah Hujuraat: 15

<sup>19</sup> Sahih: Recorded in Sahih Muslim (no. 27a)

أَبُو هُرَيْرَةَ، قَالَ كُنَّا قُعُودًا حَوْلَ رَسُولِ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ .... قَالَ "اذهَبْ بِنَعْلَيَّ هَاتَيْنِ  
فَمَنْ لَقِيتَ مِنْ وَرَاءِ هَذَا الْحَائِطِ يَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ مُسْتَيَقِنًا بِهَا قَلْبُهُ فَبَشِّرْهُ بِالْجَنَّةِ".

It is reported on the authority of Abu Hurairah: We were sitting around the Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) .... he (ﷺ) said: "Take away these sandals of mine, and when you meet anyone outside this garden who testifies that there is none worthy of worship in truth except Allah, being assured of it in his heart, gladden him by announcing that he shall go to Paradise..."<sup>20</sup>

- The Prophet (ﷺ) linked the deserving of Paradise for its testifier and gave him glad tidings of it, with the condition being he must not be doubtful of it and have certainty of it in his heart.

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<sup>20</sup> **Sahih:** Recorded in Sahih Muslim (no. 31)

### The Third Condition: Sincerity

Sincerity is to single out Allah alone without any partners in worship. Sincerity negates Shirk. The intention for all worship must be for Allah.

#### Proof from the Qur'an:

Allah says:

إِنَّا أَنْزَلْنَا إِلَيْكَ الْكِتَابَ بِالْحَقِّ فَاعْبُدِ اللَّهَ مُخْلِصًا لَهُ الدِّينَ {2} أَلَا لِلَّهِ الدِّينُ الْخَالِصُ ۚ

"Indeed, We have sent down to you the Book, [O Muhammad], in truth. So worship Allah, [being] sincere to Him in religion. Unquestionably, for Allah is the pure religion."<sup>21</sup>

وَمَا أُمِرُوا إِلَّا لِيَعْبُدُوا اللَّهَ مُخْلِصِينَ لَهُ الدِّينَ

"And they were not commanded except to worship Allah, [being] sincere to Him in religion."<sup>22</sup>

إِنَّ الْمُنَافِقِينَ فِي الدَّرَكِ الْأَسْفَلِ مِنَ النَّارِ وَلَنْ تَجِدَ لَهُمْ نَصِيرًا {145} إِلَّا الَّذِينَ تَابُوا وَأَصْلَحُوا وَاعْتَصَمُوا بِاللَّهِ وَأَخْلَصُوا دِينَهُمْ لِلَّهِ فَأُولَئِكَ مَعَ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ ۖ

"Indeed, the hypocrites will be in the lowest depths of the Fire - and never will you find for them a helper - Except for those who repent, correct themselves, hold fast to Allah, and are sincere in their religion for Allah, for those will be with the believers."<sup>23</sup>

- Allah has made sincerity with Him a condition for those who want to be amongst the believers, whoever proclaims Tawheed but is not sincere with it, is not with the believers, rather he is with the hypocrites who will be in the lowest depths of hellfire.

<sup>21</sup> Qur'an: Surah Zumar: 2-3

<sup>22</sup> Qur'an: Surah Bayyinah: 5

<sup>23</sup> Qur'an: Surah Nisa: 145-146

قُلْ إِنِّي أُمِرْتُ أَنْ أَعْبُدَ اللَّهَ مُخْلِصًا لَهُ الدِّينَ

"Say, [O Muhammad], "Indeed, I have been commanded to worship Allah , [being] sincere to Him in religion."<sup>24</sup>

- We notice here that one must be sincere in worshipping Allah alone, dedicating all acts of worship solely for Him alone.

#### Proof from the Sunnah:

عَنْ عَبْدِ اللَّهِ - رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ - قَالَ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ "مَنْ مَاتَ يُشْرِكُ بِاللَّهِ شَيْئًا دَخَلَ النَّارَ". وَقُلْتُ أَنَا مَنْ مَاتَ لَا يُشْرِكُ بِاللَّهِ شَيْئًا دَخَلَ الْجَنَّةَ.

Narrated by `Abdullah: Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) said, "Anyone who dies worshipping others along with Allah will definitely enter the Fire." I said, "Anyone who dies worshipping none along with Allah will definitely enter Paradise."<sup>25</sup>

عَنْ أَبِي هُرَيْرَةَ، أَنَّهُ قَالَ قِيلَ يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ، مَنْ أَسْعَدُ النَّاسِ بِشَفَاعَتِكَ يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ " لَقَدْ ظَنَنْتُ يَا أَبَا هُرَيْرَةَ أَنَّ لَا يَسْأَلُنِي عَنْ هَذَا الْحَدِيثِ أَحَدٌ أَوْلُ مِنْكَ، لِمَا رَأَيْتُ مِنْ حِرْصِكَ عَلَى الْحَدِيثِ، أَسْعَدُ النَّاسِ بِشَفَاعَتِي يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ مَنْ قَالَ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ، خَالِصًا مِنْ قَلْبِهِ أَوْ نَفْسِهِ."

Narrated by Abu Hurairah: I said: "O Allah's Messenger (ﷺ)! Who will be the luckiest person, who will gain your intercession on the Day of Resurrection?" Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) said: O Abu Hurairah! "I have thought that none will ask me about it before you as I know your longing for the (learning of) Hadiths. The luckiest person who will have my intercession on the Day of Resurrection will be the one who said sincerely from the bottom of his heart "there is none worthy of worship in truth except Allah."<sup>26</sup>

<sup>24</sup> **Qur'an:** Surah Zumar: 11

<sup>25</sup> **Sahih:** Recorded in Sahih Bukhari (no. 1238)

<sup>26</sup> **Sahih:** Recorded in Sahih Bukhari (no.99)

### The Fourth Condition: Truthfulness

Truthfulness negates lying and hypocrisy. Truthfulness is to believe with one's heart that there is none worthy of worship in truth except Allah, to utter it with the tongue, and to act upon it.

#### Proof from the Qur'an:

Allah says:

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ وَكُونُوا مَعَ الصَّادِقِينَ

"O you who have believed, fear Allah and be with those who are true."<sup>27</sup>

وَمِنَ النَّاسِ مَنْ يَقُولُ آمَنَّا بِاللَّهِ وَبِالْيَوْمِ الْآخِرِ وَمَا هُمْ بِمُؤْمِنِينَ {8} يُخَادِعُونَ اللَّهَ وَالَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَمَا يَخْدَعُونَ إِلَّا أَنْفُسَهُمْ وَمَا يَشْعُرُونَ {9} فِي قُلُوبِهِمْ مَرَضٌ فَزَادَهُمُ اللَّهُ مَرَضًا وَلَهُمْ عَذَابٌ أَلِيمٌ بِمَا كَانُوا يَكْذِبُونَ

"And of the people are some who say, "We believe in Allah and the Last Day," but they are not believers. They [think to] deceive Allah and those who believe, but they deceive not except themselves and perceive [it] not. In their hearts is disease, so Allah has increased their disease; and for them is a painful punishment because they [habitually] used to lie."<sup>28</sup>

- Allah exposed the hypocrites in their claim "we believe in Allah and the last day." with this statement: "While in fact they believe not." This is because Allah saw what is in their hearts i.e sickness and that their tongues did not commit to it; so they are the worst disbelievers and their abode alone will be in the lowest depth of the hellfire.

<sup>27</sup> Qur'an: Surah Tawbah: 119

<sup>28</sup> Qur'an: Surah Baqarah: 8-10

سَيَقُولُ لَكَ الْمُخَلَّفُونَ مِنَ الْأَعْرَابِ شَغَلَتْنَا أَمْوَالُنَا وَأَهْلُونَا فَاسْتَغْفِرْ لَنَا ۖ يَقُولُونَ بِالسَّتِيزَةِ مَا لَيْسَ فِي قُلُوبِهِمْ ۚ قُلْ فَمَنْ يَمْلِكُ لَكُمْ مِنَ اللَّهِ شَيْئًا إِنْ أَرَادَ بِكُمْ ضَرًّا أَوْ أَرَادَ بِكُمْ نَفْعًا ۚ بَلْ كَانَ اللَّهُ بِمَا تَعْمَلُونَ خَبِيرًا

"Those who remained behind of the Bedouins will say to you, "Our properties and our families occupied us, so ask forgiveness for us." They say with their tongues what is not within their hearts. Say, "Then who could prevent Allah at all if He intended for you harm or intended for you benefit? Rather, ever is Allah, with what you do, Acquainted."<sup>29</sup>

- The hypocrite utters the testification but conceals rejection in his heart.

#### Proof from the Sunnah:

حَدَّثَنَا أَنَسُ بْنُ مَالِكٍ، أَنَّ النَّبِيَّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ وَمُعَاذٌ رَدِيفُهُ عَلَى الرَّحْلِ قَالَ " يَا مُعَاذُ بْنُ جَبَلٍ " قَالَ لَبَّيْكَ يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ وَسَعْدَيْكَ. قَالَ " يَا مُعَاذُ " قَالَ لَبَّيْكَ يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ وَسَعْدَيْكَ. ثَلَاثًا. قَالَ " مَا مِنْ أَحَدٍ يَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَأَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صِدْقًا مِنْ قَلْبِهِ إِلَّا حَرَّمَهُ اللَّهُ عَلَى النَّارِ " قَالَ يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ، أَفَلَا أَخْبِرُ بِهِ النَّاسَ فَيَسْتَبْشِرُوا قَالَ " إِذَا يَتَكَلَّمُوا " وَأَخْبَرَ بِهَا مُعَاذٌ عِنْدَ مَوْتِهِ تَأْمَمًا.

Narrated by Anas bin Malik: "Once Mu`adh was along with Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) as a companion rider. Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) said, "O Mu`adh bin Jabal." Mu`adh replied, "Labbaik and Sa`daik. O Allah's Messenger (ﷺ)!" Again the Prophet (ﷺ) said, "O Mu`adh!" Mu`adh said thrice, "Labbaik and Sa`daik, O Allah's Messenger (ﷺ)!" Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) said, "There is none who testifies sincerely that there is none worthy of worship in truth except Allah and Muhammad is his Apostle, except that Allah, will save him from the Hell-fire." Mu`adh said, "O Allah's Messenger (ﷺ)! Should I not inform the people about it so that they may have glad tidings?" He replied, "When the people hear about it, they will solely depend on it." Then Mu`adh narrated the above-mentioned Hadith just before his death, being afraid of committing sin (by not telling the knowledge).<sup>30</sup>

<sup>29</sup> Qur'an: Surah Fath: 11

<sup>30</sup> Sahih: Recorded in Sahih Bukhari (no 128)

### The Fifth Condition: Love

One must love Allah and His Messenger more than anything else, and love for Allah, hate for Allah, befriend for Allah and shun for Allah.

#### Proof from the Qur'an:

Allah says:

وَمِنَ النَّاسِ مَنْ يَتَّخِذُ مِنْ دُونِ اللَّهِ أَنْدَادًا يُحِبُّونَهُمْ كَحُبِّ اللَّهِ <sup>ط</sup>وَالَّذِينَ آمَنُوا أَشَدُّ حُبًّا لِلَّهِ <sup>ق</sup> وَلَوْ يَرَى الَّذِينَ ظَلَمُوا إِذْ يَرُونَ الْعَذَابَ أَنَّ الْقُوَّةَ لِلَّهِ جَمِيعًا وَأَنَّ اللَّهَ شَدِيدُ الْعَذَابِ

“And [yet], among the people are those who take other than Allah as equals [to Him]. They love them as they [should] love Allah. But those who believe are stronger in love for Allah. And if only they who have wronged would consider [that] when they see the punishment, [they will be certain] that all power belongs to Allah and that Allah is severe in punishment.”<sup>31</sup>

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا مَنْ يَرْتَدَّ مِنْكُمْ عَنْ دِينِهِ فَسَوْفَ يَأْتِي اللَّهَ بِقَوْمٍ يُحِبُّهُمْ وَيُحِبُّونَهُ أَذِلَّةٍ عَلَى الْمُؤْمِنِينَ أَعِزَّةٍ عَلَى الْكَافِرِينَ يُجَاهِدُونَ فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ وَلَا يَخَافُونَ لَوْمَةَ لَائِمٍ <sup>ح</sup> ذَلِكَ فَضْلُ اللَّهِ يُؤْتِيهِ مَنْ يَشَاءُ <sup>ح</sup> وَاللَّهُ وَاسِعٌ عَلِيمٌ

“O you who have believed, whoever of you should revert from his religion - Allah will bring forth [in place of them] a people He will love and who will love Him [who are] humble toward the believers, powerful against the disbelievers; they strive in the cause of Allah and do not fear the blame of a critic. That is the favor of Allah; He bestows it upon whom He wills. And Allah is all-Encompassing and Knowing.”<sup>32</sup>

<sup>31</sup> Qur'an: Surah Baqarah: 165

<sup>32</sup> Qur'an: Surah Ma'idah: 54



لَا تَجِدُ قَوْمًا يُؤْمِنُونَ بِاللَّهِ وَالْيَوْمِ الْآخِرِ يُوَادُّونَ مَنْ حَادَّ اللَّهَ وَرَسُولَهُ وَلَوْ كَانُوا آبَاءَهُمْ أَوْ  
أَبْنَاءَهُمْ أَوْ إِخْوَانَهُمْ أَوْ عَشِيرَتَهُمْ ۚ أُولَٰئِكَ كَتَبَ فِي قُلُوبِهِمُ الْإِيمَانَ وَأَيَّدَهُم بِرُوحٍ مِنْهُ ۖ وَيُدْخِلُهُمْ  
جَنَّاتٍ تَجْرِي مِنْ تَحْتِهَا الْأَنْهَارُ خَالِدِينَ فِيهَا ۚ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُمْ وَرَضُوا عَنْهُ ۚ أُولَٰئِكَ حِزْبُ اللَّهِ ۚ أَلَا  
إِنَّ حِزْبَ اللَّهِ هُمُ الْمُفْلِحُونَ

“You will not find a people who believe in Allah and the Last Day having affection for those who oppose Allah and His Messenger, even if they were their fathers or their sons or their brothers or their kindred. Those - He has decreed within their hearts faith and supported them with spirit from Him. And We will admit them to gardens beneath which rivers flow, wherein they abide eternally. Allah is pleased with them, and they are pleased with Him - those are the party of Allah. Unquestionably, the party of Allah - they are the successful.”<sup>33</sup>

بَعْضٌ ۚ وَمَنْ يَتَوَلَّهُمْ يَأَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا لَا تَتَّخِذُوا الْيَهُودَ وَالنَّصَارَىٰ أَوْلِيَاءَ ۚ بَعْضُهُمْ أَوْلِيَاءُ  
مِنْكُمْ فَإِنَّهُ مِنْهُمْ ۖ إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَا يَهْدِي الْقَوْمَ الظَّالِمِينَ

“O you who have believed, do not take the Jews and the Christians as allies. They are [in fact] allies of one another. And whoever is an ally to them among you - then indeed, he is [one] of them. Indeed, Allah guides not the wrongdoing people.”<sup>34</sup>

#### Proof from the Sunnah:

عَنْ أَنَسٍ، عَنِ النَّبِيِّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ قَالَ " ثَلَاثٌ مَنْ كُنَّ فِيهِ وَجَدَ حَلَاوَةَ الْإِيمَانِ أَنْ يَكُونَ  
اللَّهُ وَرَسُولُهُ أَحَبَّ إِلَيْهِ مِمَّا سِوَاهُمَا، وَأَنْ يُحِبَّ الْمَرْءَ لَا يُحِبُّهُ إِلَّا لِلَّهِ، وَأَنْ يَكْرَهُ أَنْ يَعُودَ فِي الْكُفْرِ  
كَمَا يَكْرَهُ أَنْ يُقَذَّفَ فِي النَّارِ .

Narrated by Anas: The Prophet (ﷺ) said, "Whoever possesses the following three qualities will have the sweetness (delight) of faith: 1 - The one to whom Allah and His Messenger becomes dearer than anything else. 2 - Who loves a person and he loves him only for Allah's sake. 3 - Who hates to revert to disbelief as he hates to be thrown into the fire."<sup>35</sup>

<sup>33</sup> **Qur'an:** Surah Mujadila: 22

<sup>34</sup> **Qur'an:** Surah Ma'idah: 51

<sup>35</sup> **Sahih:** Recorded in Sahih Bukhari (no. 16) and Sahih Muslim (no. 43a)

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عَنْ أَنَسٍ، قَالَ قَالَ النَّبِيُّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ " لَا يُؤْمِنُ أَحَدُكُمْ حَتَّى أَكُونَ أَحَبَّ إِلَيْهِ مِنْ وَالِدِهِ  
وَوَلَدِهِ وَالنَّاسِ أَجْمَعِينَ " .

Narrated by Anas: The Prophet (ﷺ) said "None of you will have faith till he loves me more  
than his father, his children and all mankind."<sup>36</sup>

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<sup>36</sup> **Sahih:** Recorded in Sahih Bukhari (no. 15) and Sahih Muslim (no. 446)

## The Sixth Condition: Submission

What is al Inqiyad?

It is to comply with the Shahadah with the heart, and limbs and everything that it comes with.

One must surrender to what 'La ilaha illa Allah (there is none worthy of worship in truth except Allah)' indicates, both inwardly and outwardly, which negates abandonment.

### Proof from the Qur'an:

Allah says:

وَمَنْ يُسْلِمْ وَجْهَهُ إِلَى اللَّهِ وَهُوَ مُحْسِنٌ فَقَدِ اسْتَمْسَكَ بِالْعُرْوَةِ الْوُثْقَىٰ قُلُوبًا إِلَى اللَّهِ عَاقِبَةُ الْأُمُورِ

And whoever submits his face to Allah while he is a doer of good - then he has grasped the most trustworthy handhold. And to Allah will be the outcome of [all] matters.<sup>37</sup>

- "Submits his face (himself) to Allah" means: he submits and humbles himself to the obedience of Allah whilst singling out Allah alone with worship, whoever does that has a trustworthy handhold and that is "La ilaha illa Allah (there is none worthy of worship in truth except Allah)."

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<sup>37</sup> Qur'an: Surah Luqman: 22

### The Seventh Condition: Acceptance

One must accept what “La ilaha illa Allah (there is none worthy of worship in truth except Allah)” necessitates, with one’s heart, tongue and actions. This negates rejection and pride.

#### Proof from the Qur’an:

Allah says:

إِنَّمَا يُؤْمِنُ بِآيَاتِنَا الَّذِينَ إِذَا ذُكِّرُوا بِهَا خَرُّوا سُجَّدًا وَسَبَّحُوا بِحَمْدِ رَبِّهِمْ وَهُمْ لَا يَسْتَكْبِرُونَ

“Only those believe in Our verses who, when they are reminded by them, fall down in prostration and exalt [Allah] with praise of their Lord, and they are not arrogant.”<sup>38</sup>

إِنَّهُمْ كَانُوا إِذَا قِيلَ لَهُمْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ يَسْتَكْبِرُونَ

“Indeed, they when it was said to them, "there is none worthy of worship in truth except Allah," were arrogant.”<sup>39</sup>

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<sup>38</sup> Qur’an: Surah Sajdah: 15

<sup>39</sup> Qur’an: Surah Saffat: 35

### Proof from the Sunnah:

عَنْ أَبِي مُوسَى، عَنِ النَّبِيِّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ قَالَ " مَثَلُ مَا بَعَثَنِي اللَّهُ بِهِ مِنَ الْهُدَى وَالْعِلْمِ كَمَثَلِ الْغَيْثِ الْكَثِيرِ أَصَابَ أَرْضًا، فَكَانَ مِنْهَا نَقِيَّةٌ قَبِلَتِ الْمَاءَ، فَأَنْبَتَتِ الْكَلَّا وَالْعُشْبَ الْكَثِيرَ، وَكَانَتْ مِنْهَا أَجَادِبُ أَمْسَكَتِ الْمَاءَ، فَنَفَعَ اللَّهُ بِهَا النَّاسَ، فَشَرَبُوا وَسَقَوْا وَزَرَعُوا، وَأَصَابَتْ مِنْهَا طَائِفَةٌ أُخْرَى، إِنَّمَا هِيَ قِيعَانٌ لَا تُمْسِكُ مَاءً، وَلَا تَنْبِتُ كَلًّا، فَذَلِكَ مَثَلُ مَنْ فَقَهُ فِي دِينِ اللَّهِ وَنَفَعَهُ مَا بَعَثَنِي اللَّهُ بِهِ، فَعَلِمَ وَعَلَّمَ، وَمَثَلُ مَنْ لَمْ يَرْفَعْ بِذَلِكَ رَأْسًا، وَلَمْ يَقْبَلْ هُدَى اللَّهِ الَّذِي أُرْسِلْتُ بِهِ " .

Narrated by Abu Musa: The Prophet (ﷺ) said, "The example of guidance and knowledge with which Allah has sent me is like abundant rain falling on the earth, some of which was fertile soil that absorbed rain water and brought forth vegetation and grass in abundance. (And) another portion of it was hard and held the rain water and Allah benefited the people with it and they utilized it for drinking, making their animals drink from it and for irrigation of the land for cultivation. (And) a portion of it was barren which could neither hold the water nor bring forth vegetation (then that land gave no benefits). The first is the example of the person who comprehends Allah's religion and gets benefit (from the knowledge) which Allah has revealed through me (the Prophets and learns and then teaches others. The last example is that of a person who does not care for it and does not take Allah's guidance revealed through me (He is like that barren land.)"<sup>40</sup>

<sup>40</sup> **Sahih:** Recorded in Sahih Bukhari (no. 79) and Sahih Muslim (no. 2282)

### The Eighth Condition: To disbelieve in the false deities

One must disbelieve in all the false deities and everything which is worshipped besides Allah.

The esteemed scholar of the Arabic language, Ibn Al-Mundhir stated: "At-Taghoot: Whatever is worshipped besides Allah, the Mighty and Majestic; and every leader of misguidance is a Taghoot."<sup>41</sup>

Shaikh al-Islam Ibn Taymiyyah stated regarding at-Taghoot: "It is a generic title into which enters: The Satan, the idols, the soothsayers, the dirham, the dinar (forms of currency) and other than that."<sup>42</sup>

### Proof from the Qur'an:

Allah says:

فَمَنْ يَكْفُرْ بِالطَّاغُوتِ وَيُؤْمِنْ بِاللَّهِ فَقَدِ اسْتَمْسَكَ بِالْعُرْوَةِ الْوُثْقَىٰ لَا انْفِصَامَ لَهَا وَاللَّهُ سَمِيعٌ عَلِيمٌ

"...So whoever disbelieves in Taghoot and believes in Allah has grasped the most trustworthy handhold with no break in it..<sup>43</sup>

Imam al-Qurtubi, the famous Qur'anic commentator, stated: "Meaning: Abandon everything that is worshipped besides Allah such as Satan, the soothsayers, the idols, and everyone that calls to misguidance."<sup>44</sup> Imām ash-Shawkani stated the same in his Qur'anic commentary, Fath al-Qadeer.<sup>45</sup>

Therefore, we must know what is Taghoot in order to reject and disbelieve in it. Taghoot has been defined by the classical scholars of Islaam as: 'Anything people worship, obey, submit to or follow other than Allaah.'

<sup>41</sup> **Reference:** Lisan al-'Arab 8/444

<sup>42</sup> **Reference:** Majmoo al-Fatawa, 16/565-566.

<sup>43</sup> **Qur'an:** Surah Baqarah: 256

<sup>44</sup> **Reference:** Tafsir al-Qurtubi 10/103.

<sup>45</sup> **Reference:** Tafsir Fath Al-Qadeer 3/161 of Imam Shawkani.

## The 5 ways of Rejecting Taghoot

**1 - To declare the Taghoot to be baatil (falsehood)** - You must believe that the Tawaagheet are all falsehood, and not from the camp of truth:

ذَلِكَ بِأَنَّ اللَّهَ هُوَ الْحَقُّ وَأَنَّ مَا يَدْعُونَ مِنْ دُونِهِ هُوَ الْبَاطِلُ وَأَنَّ اللَّهَ هُوَ الْعَلِيُّ الْكَبِيرُ

“That is because Allaah - he is the truth, and what they (disbelievers) invoke besides him, it is baatil...”<sup>46</sup>

,It is not enough just to declare Taghoot to be falsehood - **Keep distance from Taghoot - 2**  
:Allaah says .you must also keep your distance from it

وَلَقَدْ بَعَثْنَا فِي كُلِّ أُمَّةٍ رَسُولًا أَنْ اعْبُدُوا اللَّهَ وَاجْتَنِبُوا الطَّاغُوتَ

“...worship Allaah alone, and keep away from Taghoot...”<sup>47</sup>

It is also very important to acknowledge that the Taghoot must be avoided on 3 levels:

- i. Avoided by means of belief/heart,
- ii. Avoided by one's tongue
- iii. Avoided by one's actions

**3 - Declare animosity towards Taghoot** - You must declare all Tawaagheet to be your enemy as they are the enemies of Allaah. Many people declare Taghoot to be falsehood and keep distance from it, but if you do not declare it to be your enemy you have not yet rejected Taghoot:

إِنَّا بُرَاءُ مِنْكُمْ وَمِمَّا تَعْبُدُونَ مِنْ دُونِ اللَّهِ كَفَرْنَا بِكُمْ وَبَدَا بَيْنَنَا وَبَيْنَكُمْ الْعَدَاوَةُ وَالْبَغْضَاءُ أَبَدًا حَتَّى تُؤْمِنُوا بِاللَّهِ وَحَدَهُ

“...So whoever disbelieves in Taghoot and believes in Allah has grasped the most trustworthy handhold with no break in it..”<sup>48</sup>

<sup>46</sup> Qur'an: Surah al-Hajj: 62

<sup>47</sup> Qur'an: Surah an-Nahl: 36

<sup>48</sup> Qur'an: Surah Baqarah: 256

**4 - To hate Taghoot** - After you have declared Taghoot to be falsehood, kept distance from it and declared it to be your enemy, you must then have hatred towards Taghoot. It is prohibited to love your enemy and it is only the foolish who do so:

إِنَّا بُرَاءٌ مِنْكُمْ وَمِمَّا تَعْبُدُونَ مِنْ دُونِ اللَّهِ كَفَرْنَا بِكُمْ وَبَدَا بَيْنَنَا وَبَيْنَكُمْ الْعَدَاوَةُ وَالْبَغْضَاءُ أَبَدًا حَتَّى تُؤْمِنُوا بِاللَّهِ وَحَدَهُ

animosity ,and there has started between us and you ,We have rejected you...”<sup>49</sup>.until you believe in Allaah alone ,and hatred for ever

We all declare Shaytaan - **To make takfeer (excommunication) upon Taghoot - 5** have animosity towards him and ,we keep distance from him ,(Taghoot) to be falsehood But we must also declare him to be kaafir because the Tawaagheet are entities .hate him therefore it is inevitable for it ,obeyed or followed other than Allaah ,that are worshipped .to be kaafir as we only obey and worship Allaah exclusively

Allaah orders us to declare Taghoot to be kaafir in the Qur’aan:

فَمَنْ يَكْفُرْ بِالطَّاغُوتِ وَيُؤْمِنْ بِاللَّهِ فَقَدِ اسْتَمْسَكَ بِالْعُرْوَةِ الْوُثْقَى لَا انْفِصَامَ لَهَا وَاللَّهُ سَمِيعٌ عَلِيمٌ

“...So whoever disbelieves in Taghoot and believes in Allah has grasped the most trustworthy handhold with no break in it..”<sup>50</sup>

<sup>49</sup> Qur’an: Surah al-Mumtahanah: 4

<sup>50</sup> Qur’an: Surah Baqarah: 256



## The Meaning of the Testification that Muhammed is the Messenger of Allah (ﷺ)

### مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ

#### The Meaning of 'Muhammadan- Abduhu wa-Rasooluh'

The Pillars of Muhammadan- Abduhu wa-Rasooluh are two:

- 1) The First Pillar:** Abduhu (i.e., he (ﷺ) is Allah's slave) - This negates any exaggeration and inadequacy in his respect. So, he is Allah's slave and Messenger, and he is the most perfect creation in these two noble attributes.

The meaning of 'slave' here is, the worshiper who is owned by Allah meaning he is a man created from what the other humans are created from, what occurs with other humans also happens to him.

#### Proof from the Qur'an:

Allah says:

قُلْ إِنَّمَا أَنَا بَشَرٌ مِّثْلُكُمْ

"Say (O Muhammad): 'I am only a man like you.'"<sup>51</sup>

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الَّذِي أَنْزَلَ عَلَى عَبْدِهِ

"All the praises and thanks be to Allah, Who has sent down to His slave..."<sup>52</sup>

سُبْحَانَ الَّذِي أَسْرَى بِعَبْدِهِ لَيْلًا مِنَ الْمَسْجِدِ الْحَرَامِ إِلَى الْمَسْجِدِ الْأَقْصَى

"Exalted is He who took His Servant by night from al-Masjid al-Haram to al-Masjid al-Aqsa."<sup>53</sup>

<sup>51</sup> Qur'an: Surah Kahf: 110

<sup>52</sup> Qur'an: Surah Kahf: 1

<sup>53</sup> Qur'an: Surah Isra: 1

**2) The Second Pillar:** wa-Rasooluh (i.e., he (ﷺ) is Allah's Messenger) - The meaning of His Messenger is that he is sent to all people with the call to Allah, giving them glad tidings (of Paradise) and warning them (against Hell-fire).

### Proof from the Qur'an:

Allah says:

مَا كَانَ مُحَمَّدٌ أَبَا أَحَدٍ مِنْ رِجَالِكُمْ وَلَكِنْ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ وَخَاتَمَ النَّبِيِّينَ <sup>قل</sup>

"Muhammad is not the father of [any] one of your men, but [he is] the Messenger of Allah and last of the prophets."<sup>54</sup>

مُحَمَّدٌ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ <sup>ج</sup> وَالَّذِينَ مَعَهُ أَشِدَّاءُ عَلَى الْكُفَّارِ رُحَمَاءُ بَيْنَهُمْ <sup>صل</sup>

"Muhammad is the Messenger of Allah; and those with him are forceful against the disbelievers, merciful among themselves."<sup>55</sup>

### Proof from the Sunnah:

جُبَيْرُ بْنُ مُطْعَمٍ، عَنْ أَبِيهِ - رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ - قَالَ سَمِعْتُ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ يَقُولُ "إِنَّ لِي أَسْمَاءً، أَنَا مُحَمَّدٌ، وَأَنَا أَحْمَدُ، وَأَنَا الْمَاهِي الَّذِي يَمْحُو اللَّهُ بِِي الْكُفْرَ، وَأَنَا الْحَاشِرُ الَّذِي يُحْشَرُ النَّاسُ عَلَى قَدَمِي، وَأَنَا الْعَاقِبُ".

Narrated by Jubair bin Mut'im: I heard Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) saying, 'I have several names: I am Muhammad and I am Ahmad, and I am Al- Mahi with whom Allah obliterates Kufr (disbelief), and I am Al-Hashir (gatherer) at whose feet (i.e. behind whom) the people will be gathered (on the Day of Resurrection), and I am Al-Aqib (i.e. who succeeds the other prophets in bringing about good).<sup>56</sup>

<sup>54</sup> **Qur'an:** Surah Ahzab: 40

<sup>55</sup> **Qur'an:** Surah Fath: 29

<sup>56</sup> **Sahih:** Recorded in Sahih Bukhari (no. 419)

عَنْ أَبِي هُرَيْرَةَ، أَنَّ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ قَالَ " فَضَّلْتُ عَلَى الْأَنْبِيَاءِ بِسِتٍّ أُعْطِيتُ جَوَامِعَ الْكَلِمِ وَنُصِرْتُ بِالرُّعْبِ وَأُحِلَّتْ لِي الْغَنَائِمُ وَجُعِلَتْ لِي الْأَرْضُ طَهُورًا وَمَسْجِدًا وَأُرْسِلْتُ إِلَى الْخَلْقِ كَافَّةً وَخُتِمَ بِي النَّبِيُّونَ".

Abu Hurairah reported that the Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) said: I have been given superiority over the other prophets in six respects: I have been given words which are concise but comprehensive in meaning; I have been helped by terror (in the hearts of enemies): spoils have been made lawful to me: the earth has been made for me clean and a place of worship; I have been sent to all mankind and the line of prophets is closed with me.<sup>57</sup>

### Summarised Description of the Lineage of Prophet Muhammed (ﷺ)

He is the son of Abdullah bin Abdul-Muttalib bin Hashim, and Hashim was from the tribe of Quraish and Quraish was from Kinanah, and Kinanah was from the lineage of Isma'il.

#### Proof from the Sunnah:

وَإِثْلَةَ بْنِ الْأَسْقَعِ، يَقُولُ سَمِعْتُ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ يَقُولُ "إِنَّ اللَّهَ اصْطَفَى كِنَانَةَ مِنْ وَلَدِ إِسْمَاعِيلَ وَاصْطَفَى قُرَيْشًا مِنْ كِنَانَةَ وَاصْطَفَى مِنْ قُرَيْشٍ بَنِي هَاشِمٍ وَاصْطَفَانِي مِنْ بَنِي هَاشِمٍ".

Wathila bin al-Asqa' reported: I heard Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) as saying: Verily Allah granted eminence to Kinanah from amongst the descendants of Isma'il, and he granted eminence to the Quraish amongst Kinanah, and he granted eminence to Banu Hashim amongst the Quraish, and he granted me eminence from the tribe of Banu Hashim.<sup>58</sup>

<sup>57</sup> **Sahih:** Recorded in Sahih Muslim (no. 523a)

<sup>58</sup> **Sahih:** Recorded in Sahih Muslim (no. 2276)

## Meaning of Messenger of Allah

**Linguistic meaning:** One who has been sent with a message.

**Technical meaning:** One who conveys from his Lord that which He revealed to him of religious legislatives. Allah legislated for each Messenger a law and a clear way. However, the legislation of our Messenger (ﷺ) has abrogated all legislation which preceded it.

## The Conditions of ‘Muhammadur-Rasoolullah’ (Muhammad is the Messenger of Allah ﷺ)

**The First Condition:** Affirming his Prophethood and having faith in it inwardly within the heart and affirming it outwardly through the tongue.

### Proof from the Qur’an:

Allah says:

مُحَمَّدٌ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ۚ وَالَّذِينَ مَعَهُ أَشِدَّاءُ عَلَى الْكُفَّارِ رُحَمَاءُ بَيْنَهُمْ ۖ

“Muhammad is the Messenger of Allah; and those with him are forceful against the disbelievers, merciful among themselves.”<sup>59</sup>

إِذَا جَاءَكَ الْمُنَافِقُونَ قَالُوا نَشْهَدُ إِنَّكَ لَرَسُولُ اللَّهِ ۗ وَاللَّهُ يَعْلَمُ إِنَّكَ لَرَسُولُهُ وَاللَّهُ يَشْهَدُ إِنَّ  
الْمُنَافِقِينَ لَكَاذِبُونَ

“When the hypocrites come to you, [O Muhammad], they say, "We testify that you are the Messenger of Allah." And Allah knows that you are His Messenger, and Allah testifies that the hypocrites are liars.”<sup>60</sup>

<sup>59</sup> Qur’an: Surah Fath: 29

<sup>60</sup> Qur’an: Surah Munafiqun: 1

وَمَا مُحَمَّدٌ إِلَّا رَسُولٌ قَدْ خَلَتْ مِنْ قَبْلِهِ الرُّسُلُ ۚ أَفَإِنْ مَاتَ أَوْ قُتِلَ انْقَلَبْتُمْ عَلَىٰ أَعْقَابِكُمْ ۚ  
وَمَنْ يَنْقَلِبْ عَلَىٰ عَقْبَيْهِ فَلَنْ يَضُرَّ اللَّهَ شَيْئًا ۖ وَسَيَجْزِي اللَّهُ الشَّاكِرِينَ

“Muhammad is not but a messenger. [Other] messengers have passed on before him. So if he was to die or be killed, would you turn back on your heels [to unbelief]? And he who turns back on his heels will never harm Allah at all; but Allah will reward the grateful.”<sup>61</sup>

رَسُولٌ مِنَ اللَّهِ يَتْلُو صُحُفًا مُطَهَّرَةً

“A Messenger from Allah, reciting purified scriptures.”<sup>62</sup>

مَا كَانَ مُحَمَّدٌ أَبَا أَحَدٍ مِنْ رِجَالِكُمْ وَلَكِنْ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ وَخَاتَمَ النَّبِيِّينَ ۖ

“Muhammad is not the father of [any] one of your men, but [he is] the Messenger of Allah and last of the prophets.”<sup>63</sup>

#### Proof from the Sunnah:

عَنْ عُبَادَةَ - رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ - عَنِ النَّبِيِّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ قَالَ " مَنْ شَهِدَ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ، وَأَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ، وَأَنَّ عِيسَى عَبْدُ اللَّهِ وَرَسُولُهُ وَكَلِمَتُهُ، أَلْقَاهَا إِلَى مَرْيَمَ، وَرُوحٌ مِنْهُ، وَالْجَنَّةُ حَقٌّ وَالنَّارُ حَقٌّ، أَدْخَلَهُ اللَّهُ الْجَنَّةَ عَلَى مَا كَانَ مِنَ الْعَمَلِ "

Narrated by 'Ubadah: The Prophet (ﷺ) said, "If anyone testifies that there is none worthy of worship in truth except Allah Who has no partners, and that Muhammad is His Slave and His Messenger, and that Jesus is Allah's Slave and His Messenger and His Word which He bestowed on Mary and a Spirit created by Him, and that Paradise is true, and Hell is true, Allah will admit him into Paradise with the deeds which he had done even if those deeds were few."<sup>64</sup>

<sup>61</sup> **Qur'an:** Surah Imran: 144

<sup>62</sup> **Qur'an:** Surah Bayyinah: 2

<sup>63</sup> **Qur'an:** Surah Ahzab: 40

<sup>64</sup> **Sahih:** Recorded in Sahih Bukhari (no. 3435)

عَنْ أَبِي هُرَيْرَةَ، أَنَّهُ قَالَ قِيلَ يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ، مَنْ أَسْعَدُ النَّاسِ بِشَفَاعَتِكَ يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ " لَقَدْ ظَنَنْتُ يَا أَبَا هُرَيْرَةَ أَنَّ لَا يَسْأَلُنِي عَنْ هَذَا الْحَدِيثِ أَحَدٌ أَوَّلُ مِنْكَ، لِمَا رَأَيْتُ مِنْ حِرْصِكَ عَلَى الْحَدِيثِ، أَسْعَدُ النَّاسِ بِشَفَاعَتِي يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ مَنْ قَالَ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ، خَالِصًا مِنْ قَلْبِهِ أَوْ نَفْسِهِ."

Narrated by Abu Hurairah: I said: "O Allah's Messenger (ﷺ)! Who will be the luckiest person, who will gain your intercession on the Day of Resurrection?" Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) said: O Abu Hurairah! "I have thought that none will ask me about it before you as I know your longing for the (learning of) Hadiths. The luckiest person who will have my intercession on the Day of Resurrection will be the one who said sincerely from the bottom of his heart "there is none worthy of worship in truth except Allah."<sup>65</sup>

عَنْ أَبِي هُرَيْرَةَ، عَنْ رَسُولِ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ أَنَّهُ قَالَ " وَالَّذِي نَفْسُ مُحَمَّدٍ بِيَدِهِ لَا يَسْمَعُ فِي أَحَدٍ مِنْ هَذِهِ الْأُمَّةِ يَهُودِيٍّ وَلَا نَصْرَانِيٍّ ثُمَّ يَمُوتُ وَلَمْ يُؤْمِنْ بِالَّذِي أُرْسِلْتُ بِهِ إِلَّا كَانَ مِنْ أَصْحَابِ النَّارِ."

It is narrated on the authority of Abu Hurairah that the Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) observed: By Him in Whose hand is the life of Muhammad, he who amongst the community of Jews or Christians hears about me, but does not affirm his belief in that with which I have been sent and dies in this state (of disbelief), he shall be but one of the denizens of Hell-Fire.<sup>66</sup>

<sup>65</sup> **Sahih:** Recorded in Sahih Bukhari (no.99)

<sup>66</sup> **Sahih:** Recorded in Sahih Muslim (no. 153)

**The Second Condition:** Following him by acting upon the truth he came with, avoiding any innovations in the religion and refraining from any evil that he has forbidden.

**Proof from the Quran:**

Allah says:

قُلْ إِنْ كُنْتُمْ تُحِبُّونَ اللَّهَ فَاتَّبِعُونِي يُحْبِبْكُمُ اللَّهُ وَيَغْفِرْ لَكُمْ ذُنُوبَكُمْ ۗ وَاللَّهُ غَفُورٌ رَحِيمٌ {31}  
قُلْ أَطِيعُوا اللَّهَ وَالرَّسُولَ ۚ فَإِنْ تَوَلَّوْا فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ لَا يُحِبُّ الْكَافِرِينَ

Say, [O Muhammad], "If you should love Allah, then follow me, [so] Allah will love you and forgive you your sins. And Allah is Forgiving and Merciful." Say, "Obey Allah and the Messenger." But if they turn away - then indeed, Allah does not like the disbelievers.<sup>67</sup>

مَا أَصَابَكَ مِنْ حَسَنَةٍ فَمِنَ اللَّهِ ۚ وَمَا أَصَابَكَ مِنْ سَيِّئَةٍ فَمِنْ نَفْسِكَ ۚ وَأَرْسَلْنَاكَ لِلنَّاسِ رَسُولًا ۚ وَكَفَى بِاللَّهِ شَهِيدًا {79} مَنْ يُطِيعِ الرَّسُولَ فَقَدْ أَطَاعَ اللَّهَ ۗ وَمَنْ تَوَلَّىٰ فَمَا أَرْسَلْنَاكَ عَلَيْهِمْ حَفِيظًا

"What comes to you of good is from Allah, but what comes to you of evil, [O man], is from yourself. And We have sent you, [O Muhammad], to the people as a messenger, and sufficient is Allah as Witness. He who obeys the Messenger has obeyed Allah; but those who turn away - We have not sent you over them as a guardian."<sup>68</sup>

تِلْكَ حُدُودُ اللَّهِ ۚ وَمَنْ يُطِيعِ اللَّهَ وَرَسُولَهُ يُدْخِلْهُ جَنَّاتٍ تَجْرِي مِنْ تَحْتِهَا الْأَنْهَارُ خَالِدِينَ فِيهَا ۚ وَذَلِكَ الْفَوْزُ الْعَظِيمُ {13} وَمَنْ يَعْصِ اللَّهَ وَرَسُولَهُ وَيَتَعَدَّ حُدُودَهُ يُدْخِلْهُ نَارًا خَالِدًا فِيهَا وَلَهُ عَذَابٌ مُهِينٌ

"These are the limits [set by] Allah, and whoever obeys Allah and His Messenger will be admitted by Him to gardens [in Paradise] under which rivers flow, abiding eternally therein; and that is the great attainment. And whoever disobeys Allah and His Messenger and

<sup>67</sup> Qur'an: Surah Imran: 31-32

<sup>68</sup> Qur'an: Surah Nisa: 79-80

transgresses His limits - He will put him into the Fire to abide eternally therein, and he will have a humiliating punishment.”<sup>69</sup>

لَقَدْ كَانَ لَكُمْ فِي رَسُولِ اللَّهِ أُسْوَةٌ حَسَنَةٌ

“There has certainly been for you in the Messenger of Allah an excellent pattern...”<sup>70</sup>

مَا أَفَاءَ اللَّهُ عَلَى رَسُولِهِ مِنْ أَهْلِ الْقُرَىٰ فَلِلَّهِ وَلِلرَّسُولِ وَلِذِي الْقُرْبَىٰ وَالْيَتَامَىٰ وَالْمَسَاكِينِ وَابْنِ  
السَّبِيلِ كَيْ لَا يَكُونَ دُولَةً بَيْنَ الْأَغْنِيَاءِ مِنْكُمْ ۚ وَمَا آتَاكُمُ الرَّسُولُ فَخُذُوهُ وَمَا نَهَاكُمْ عَنْهُ  
فَانْتَهُوا ۚ وَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ ۚ إِنَّ اللَّهَ شَدِيدُ الْعِقَابِ

“And what Allah restored to His Messenger from the people of the towns - it is for Allah and for the Messenger and for [his] near relatives and orphans and the [stranded] traveler - so that it will not be a perpetual distribution among the rich from among you. And whatever the Messenger has given you - take; and what he has forbidden you - refrain from. And fear Allah; indeed, Allah is severe in penalty.”<sup>71</sup>

ۚ لَأَطِيعُوا اللَّهَ وَأَطِيعُوا الرَّسُولَ ۚ فَإِنْ تَوَلَّوْا فَإِنَّمَا عَلَيْهِ مَا حُمِّلَ وَعَلَيْكُمْ مَا حُمِّلْتُمْ ۚ وَإِنْ  
تُطِيعُوهُ تَهْتَدُوا ۚ وَمَا عَلَى الرَّسُولِ إِلَّا الْبَلَاغُ الْمُبِينُ

Say, "Obey Allah and obey the Messenger; but if you turn away - then upon him is only that [duty] with which he has been charged, and upon you is that with which you have been charged. And if you obey him, you will be [rightly] guided. And there is not upon the Messenger except the [responsibility for] clear notification.”<sup>72</sup>

<sup>69</sup> Qur'an: Surah Nisa: 13-14

<sup>70</sup> Qur'an: Surah Ahzab: 21

<sup>71</sup> Qur'an: Surah Hashr: 7

<sup>72</sup> Qur'an: Surah Nur: 54



لَا تَجْعَلُوا دُعَاءَ الرَّسُولِ بَيْنَكُمْ كَدُعَاءِ بَعْضِكُمْ بَعْضًا ۚ قَدْ يَعْلَمُ اللَّهُ الَّذِينَ يَتَسَلَّلُونَ مِنْكُمْ لِوَاذًا ۚ  
فَلْيَحْذَرِ الَّذِينَ يُخَالِفُونَ عَنْ أَمْرِهِ أَنْ تُصِيبَهُمْ فِتْنَةٌ أَوْ يُصِيبَهُمْ عَذَابٌ أَلِيمٌ

"Do not make [your] calling of the Messenger among yourselves as the call of one of you to another. Already Allah knows those of you who slip away, concealed by others. So let those beware who dissent from the Prophet's order, lest fitnah strike them or a painful punishment."<sup>73</sup>

وَأَطِيعُوا اللَّهَ وَرَسُولَهُ وَلَا تَنَازَعُوا فَتَفْشَلُوا وَتَذْهَبَ رِيحُكُمْ ۖ وَاصْبِرُوا ۚ إِنَّ اللَّهَ مَعَ الصَّابِرِينَ

"And obey Allah and His Messenger, and do not dispute and [thus] lose courage and [then] your strength would depart; and be patient. Indeed, Allah is with the patient."<sup>74</sup>

#### Proof from the Sunnah:

أَبِي هُرَيْرَةَ، عَنِ النَّبِيِّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ قَالَ "دَعُونِي مَا تَرَكْتُكُمْ، إِنَّمَا هَلَكَ مَنْ كَانَ قَبْلَكُمْ بِسُؤَالِهِمْ وَاخْتِلَافِهِمْ عَلَى أَنْبِيَائِهِمْ، فَإِذَا نَهَيْتُكُمْ عَنْ شَيْءٍ فَاجْتَنِبُوهُ، وَإِذَا أَمَرْتُكُمْ بِأَمْرٍ فَأَتُوا مِنْهُ مَا اسْتَطَعْتُمْ".

Narrated Abu Hurairah: The Prophet (ﷺ) said, "Leave me as I leave you, for the people who were before you were ruined because of their questions and their differences over their prophets. So, if I forbid you to do something, then keep away from it. And if I order you to do something, then do of it as much as you can."<sup>75</sup>

عَنْ عَائِشَةَ - رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهَا - قَالَتْ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ "مَنْ أَحْدَثَ فِي أَمْرِنَا هَذَا مَا لَيْسَ فِيهِ فَهُوَ رَدٌّ".

Narrated Aisha: Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) said, "If somebody innovates something which is not in harmony with the principles of our religion, that thing is rejected."<sup>76</sup>

<sup>73</sup> **Qur'an:** Surah Nur: 63

<sup>74</sup> **Qur'an:** Surah Anfal:46

<sup>75</sup> **Sahih:** Recorded in Sahih Bukhari (no. 7288)

<sup>76</sup> **Sahih:** Recorded in Sahih Bukhari (no. 2697)

عَنْ الْعَرَبَاضِ بْنِ سَارِيَّةَ، قَالَ وَعَظَنَا رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ يَوْمًا بَعْدَ صَلَاةِ الْغَدَاةِ مَوْعِظَةً بَلِيغَةً ذَرَفَتْ مِنْهَا الْعُيُونُ وَوَجَلَتْ مِنْهَا الْقُلُوبُ فَقَالَ رَجُلٌ إِنَّ هَذِهِ مَوْعِظَةٌ مُودِعٌ فَمَاذَا تَعْهَدُ إِلَيْنَا يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ قَالَ " أَوْصِيكُمْ بِتَقْوَى اللَّهِ وَالسَّمْعِ وَالطَّاعَةِ وَإِنْ عَبْدٌ حَبَشِيٌّ فَإِنَّهُ مَنْ يَعِشْ مِنْكُمْ يَرَى اخْتِلَافًا كَثِيرًا وَإِيَّاكُمْ وَمُحَدَّثَاتِ الْأُمُورِ فَإِنَّهَا ضَلَالَةٌ فَمَنْ أَدْرَكَ ذَلِكَ مِنْكُمْ فَعَلَيْهِ بِسُنَّتِي وَسُنَّةِ الْخُلَفَاءِ الرَّاشِدِينَ الْمَهْدِيِّينَ عَضُّوا عَلَيْهَا بِالنَّوَاجِدِ".

Narrated Al-'Irbad bin Sariyah: "One day after the morning Salat, the Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) exhorted us to the extent that the eyes wept and the hearts shuddered with fear. A man said: 'Indeed this is a farewell exhortation. [So what] do you order us O Messenger of Allah?' He said: 'I order you to have Taqwa of Allah, and to listen and obey, even in the case of an Ethiopian slave. Indeed, whomever among you lives, he will see much difference. Beware of the newly invented matters, for indeed they are astray. Whoever among you sees that, then he must stick to my Sunnah and the Sunnah of the rightly guided Khulafa', cling to it with the molars.'"<sup>77</sup>

**The Third Condition:** Loving him more than oneself, wealth, children, parents and the whole of humanity.

#### Proof from the Qur'an:

Allah says:

قُلْ إِنْ كَانَ آبَاؤُكُمْ وَأَبْنَاؤُكُمْ وَإِخْوَانُكُمْ وَأَزْوَاجُكُمْ وَعَشِيرَتُكُمْ وَأَمْوَالٌ اقْتَرَفْتُمُوهَا وَتِجَارَةٌ تَخْشَوْنَ كَسَادَهَا وَمَسَاكِنُ تَرْضَوْنَهَا أَحَبَّ إِلَيْكُمْ مِنَ اللَّهِ وَرَسُولِهِ وَجِهَادٍ فِي سَبِيلِهِ فَتَرَبَّصُوا حَتَّى يَأْتِيَ اللَّهُ بِأَمْرِهِ ۗ وَاللَّهُ لَا يَهْدِي الْقَوْمَ الْفَاسِقِينَ

Say, [O Muhammad], "If your fathers, your sons, your brothers, your wives, your relatives, wealth which you have obtained, commerce wherein you fear decline, and dwellings with which you are pleased are more beloved to you than Allah and His Messenger and jihad in His cause, then wait until Allah executes His command. And Allah does not guide the defiantly disobedient people."<sup>78</sup>

<sup>77</sup> **Sahih:** Recorded in Sunan Tirmidhi (no. 2676) and he graded it Hasan Sahih.

<sup>78</sup> **Qur'an:** Surah Tawbah: 24

النَّبِيُّ أَوْلَىٰ بِالْمُؤْمِنِينَ مِنْ أَنفُسِهِمْ ۖ وَأَزْوَاجُهُ أُمَّهَاتُهُمْ ۖ وَأُولُو الْأَرْحَامِ بَعْضُهُمْ أَوْلَىٰ بِبَعْضٍ فِي كِتَابِ اللَّهِ مِنَ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُهَاجِرِينَ إِلَّا أَنْ تَفْعَلُوا إِلَىٰ أَوْلِيَائِكُمْ مَعْرُوفًا ۚ كَانَ ذَٰلِكَ فِي الْكِتَابِ مَسْطُورًا

The Prophet is more worthy of the believers than themselves, and his wives are [in the position of] their mothers. And those of [blood] relationship are more entitled [to inheritance] in the decree of Allah than the [other] believers and the emigrants, except that you may do to your close associates a kindness [through bequest]. That was in the Book inscribed.<sup>79</sup>

#### Proof from the Sunnah:

عَنْ أَنَسٍ، عَنِ النَّبِيِّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ قَالَ "ثَلَاثٌ مَنْ كُنَّ فِيهِ وَجَدَ حَلَاوَةَ الْإِيمَانِ أَنْ يَكُونَ اللَّهُ وَرَسُولُهُ أَحَبَّ إِلَيْهِ مِمَّا سِوَاهُمَا، وَأَنْ يُحِبَّ الْمَرْءَ لَا يُحِبُّهُ إِلَّا لِلَّهِ، وَأَنْ يَكْرَهُ أَنْ يَعُودَ فِي الْكُفْرِ كَمَا يَكْرَهُ أَنْ يُقَذَّفَ فِي النَّارِ".

Narrated by Anas: The Prophet (ﷺ) said, "Whoever possesses the following three qualities will have the sweetness (delight) of faith: 1 - The one to whom Allah and His Messenger becomes dearer than anything else. 2 - Who loves a person and he loves him only for Allah's sake. 3 - Who hates to revert to disbelief as he hates to be thrown into the fire."<sup>80</sup>

عَنْ أَنَسٍ، قَالَ قَالَ النَّبِيُّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ "لَا يُؤْمِنُ أَحَدُكُمْ حَتَّىٰ أَكُونَ أَحَبَّ إِلَيْهِ مِنْ وَالِدِهِ وَوَلَدِهِ وَالنَّاسِ أَجْمَعِينَ".

Narrated by Anas: The Prophet (ﷺ) said "None of you will have faith till he loves me more than his father, his children and all mankind."<sup>81</sup>

<sup>79</sup> **Qur'an:** Surah Ahzab: 6

<sup>80</sup> **Sahih:** Recorded in Sahih Bukhari (no. 16) and Sahih Muslim (no. 43a)

<sup>81</sup> **Sahih:** Recorded in Sahih Bukhari (no. 15) and Sahih Muslim (no. 446)

**The Fourth Condition:** Giving precedence to his saying over everybody else's and acting upon his sunnah.

**Proof from the Quran:**

Allah says:

وَمَا كَانَ لِمُؤْمِنٍ وَلَا مُؤْمِنَةٍ إِذَا قَضَى اللَّهُ وَرَسُولُهُ أَمْرًا أَنْ يَكُونَ لَهُمُ الْخِيَرَةُ مِنْ أَمْرِهِمْ <sup>قُل</sup> وَمَنْ يَعْصِ اللَّهَ وَرَسُولَهُ فَقَدْ ضَلَّ ضَلَالًا مُبِينًا

“It is not for a believing man or a believing woman, when Allah and His Messenger have decided a matter, that they should [thereafter] have any choice about their affair. And whoever disobeys Allah and His Messenger has certainly strayed into clear error.”<sup>82</sup>

فَلَا وَرَبِّكَ لَا يُؤْمِنُونَ حَتَّى يُحَكِّمُوكَ فِي مَا شَجَرَ بَيْنَهُمْ ثُمَّ لَا يَجِدُوا فِي أَنْفُسِهِمْ حَرَجًا مِمَّا قَضَيْتَ وَيُسَلِّمُوا تَسْلِيمًا

“But no, by your Lord, they will not [truly] believe until they make you, [O Muhammad], judge concerning that over which they dispute among themselves and then find within themselves no discomfort from what you have judged and submit in [full, willing] submission.”<sup>83</sup>

فَإِنْ أَعْرَضُوا فَمَا أَرْسَلْنَاكَ عَلَيْهِمْ حَفِيظًا <sup>ص</sup> إِنْ عَلَيْكَ إِلَّا الْبَلَاغُ <sup>قُل</sup> ۚ

“But if they turn away - then We have not sent you, [O Muhammad], over them as a guardian; upon you is only [the duty of] notification.”<sup>84</sup>

<sup>82</sup> **Qur'an:** Surah Ahzab: 36

<sup>83</sup> **Qur'an:** Surah Nisa: 65

<sup>84</sup> **Qur'an:** Surah Shura: 48

**Proof from the Sunnah:**

عَنْ أَبِي هُرَيْرَةَ، أَنَّ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ قَالَ "كُلُّ أُمَّتِي يَدْخُلُونَ الْجَنَّةَ، إِلَّا مَنْ أَبَى".  
قَالُوا يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ وَمَنْ يَأْبَى قَالَ "مَنْ أَطَاعَنِي دَخَلَ الْجَنَّةَ، وَمَنْ عَصَانِي فَقَدْ أَبَى".

Narrated Abu Hurairah: Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) said, "All my followers will enter Paradise except those who refuse." They said, "O Allah's Messenger (ﷺ)! Who will refuse?" He said, "Whoever obeys me will enter Paradise, and whoever disobeys me is the one who refuses (to enter it)."<sup>85</sup>

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<sup>85</sup> **Sahih:** Recorded in Sahih Bukhari (no. 7280)

## نواقض الإسلام

### The Nullifiers of Islam by Imam Muhammad ibn Abdul Wahhab

Imam Muhammad bin Abdul Wahhab (may Allah have mercy on him) said: Know that the things that nullify Islam are ten:

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Nullifier

Shirk: polytheism, which is worshipping other gods besides the One God, who alone should be worshipped.

Allah, the Exalted, said:

إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَا يَغْفِرُ أَنْ يُشْرَكَ بِهِ وَيَغْفِرُ مَا دُونَ ذَلِكَ لِمَنْ يَشَاءُ وَمَنْ يُشْرِكْ بِاللَّهِ فَقَدْ افْتَرَىٰ إِثْمًا عَظِيمًا

“Verily, Allah forgives not that partners should be set up with Him (in worship), but He forgives except that (anything else) to whom He wills.”<sup>86</sup>

And He said:

لَقَدْ كَفَرَ الَّذِينَ قَالُوا إِنَّ اللَّهَ هُوَ الْمَسِيحُ ابْنُ مَرْيَمَ وَقَالَ الْمَسِيحُ يَا بَنِي إِسْرَائِيلَ اعْبُدُوا اللَّهَ رَبِّي وَرَبَّكُمْ إِنَّهُ مَنْ يُشْرِكْ بِاللَّهِ فَقَدْ حَرَّمَ اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ الْجَنَّةَ وَمَأْوَاهُ النَّارُ وَمَا لِلظَّالِمِينَ مِنْ أَنْصَارٍ

“Surely, they have disbelieved who say: "Allah is the Messiah [‘Isa (Jesus)], son of Maryam (Mary)." But the Messiah [‘Isa (Jesus)] said: "O Children of Israel! Worship Allah, my Lord and your Lord." Verily, whosoever sets up partners (in worship) with Allah, then Allah has forbidden Paradise to him, and the Fire will be his abode. And for the Zalimun (polytheists and wrong-doers) there are no helpers.”<sup>87</sup> And, polytheism could be slaughtering animals for other than the One Deity, like slaughtering animals for Jinn or graves.

<sup>86</sup> Qur’an: Surah Al-Nisa’: 48

<sup>87</sup> Qur’an: Surah Al-Ma’idah: 72

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Nullifier

The one who makes an intermediary, or calls to one, or asks for Shafaa'ah (intercession) or does Tawakkul (reliance). He has disbelieved by Ijma' (consensus).

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Nullifier

Whoever does not hold the polytheists to be disbelievers, or has doubts about their disbelief or considers their ways and beliefs to be correct, has committed disbelief.

## 4<sup>th</sup> Nullifier

Whoever believes that some guidance other than that of the Prophet's (ﷺ) is more complete than his guidance or that someone else's judgement is better than his judgment, such as the one who prefers the judgement of the Tawaagheet (false deities) over his judgment, then he is a disbeliever.

## 5<sup>th</sup> Nullifier

Whoever hates something that the Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) came with, even though he may act on it, has disbelieved.

## 6<sup>th</sup> Nullifier

Whoever mocks or ridicules any part of the Messenger's Religion or its rewards or punishments has committed an act of disbelief.

The proof for this is Allaah's statement:

يَحْذَرُ الْمُنَافِقُونَ أَنْ تَنْزَلَ عَلَيْهِمْ سُورَةٌ تُنَبِّئُهُمْ بِمَا فِي قُلُوبِهِمْ قُلِ اسْتَهِزُّوْا إِنَّ اللَّهَ مُخْرِجٌ مَّا تَحْذَرُونَ، وَلَئِنْ سَأَلْتَهُمْ لَيَقُولُنَّ إِنَّمَا كُنَّا نَخُوضُ وَنَلْعَبُ قُلْ أَبِاللَّهِ وَآيَاتِهِ وَرَسُولِهِ كُنْتُمْ تَسْتَهْزِئُونَ

“Say: ‘Was it Allaah and His verses and His Messenger that you were mocking? Make no excuses, you have disbelieved after having had faith.’”<sup>88</sup>

<sup>88</sup> Qur'an: Surah At-Tawbah: 65-66

## 7<sup>th</sup> Nullifier

Sorcery, which includes magic spells that cause a person to hate something he seeks after (Sarfi) or love something he doesn't seek after ('Atfi). So whoever performs it or is pleased with it being done, has committed disbelief.

The proof for this is Allaah's statement:

وَاتَّبَعُوا مَا تَتْلُوا الشَّيَاطِينُ عَلَىٰ مُلْكِ سُلَيْمَانَ وَمَا كَفَرَ سُلَيْمَانُ وَلَٰكِنَّ الشَّيَاطِينَ كَفَرُوا يُعَلِّمُونَ  
النَّاسَ السَّحْرَ وَمَا أُنْزِلَ عَلَى الْمَلَكَيْنِ بِبَابِلَ هَارُوتَ وَمَارُوتَ وَمَا يُعَلِّمَانِ مِنْ أَحَدٍ حَتَّى يَقُولَا إِنَّمَا  
نَحْنُ فِتْنَةٌ فَلَا تَكْفُرْ فَيَتَعَلَّمُونَ مِنْهُمَا مَا يُفَرِّقُونَ بِهِ بَيْنَ الْمَرْءِ وَزَوْجِهِ وَمَا هُمْ بِضَارِّينَ بِهِ مِنْ  
أَحَدٍ إِلَّا بِإِذْنِ اللَّهِ وَيَتَعَلَّمُونَ مَا يَضُرُّهُمْ وَلَا يَنْفَعُهُمْ وَلَقَدْ عَلِمُوا لَمَنِ اشْتَرَاهُ مَا لَهُ فِي الْآخِرَةِ مِنْ  
خَلَقٍ وَلَبِئْسَ مَا شَرَوْا بِهِ أَنْفُسَهُمْ لَوْ كَانُوا يَعْلَمُونَ

“And they followed [instead] what the devils had recited during the reign of Solomon. It was not Solomon who disbelieved, but the devils disbelieved, teaching people magic and that which was revealed to the two angels at Babylon, Harut and Marut. But the two angels do not teach anyone unless they say, "We are a trial, so do not disbelieve [by practicing magic]." And [yet] they learn from them that by which they cause separation between a man and his wife. But they do not harm anyone through it except by permission of Allah. And the people learn what harms them and does not benefit them. But the Children of Israel certainly knew that whoever purchased the magic would not have in the Hereafter any share. And wretched is that for which they sold themselves, if they only knew.”<sup>89</sup>

<sup>89</sup> Qur'an: Surah Baqarah: 102



### 8<sup>th</sup> Nullifier

Supporting and assisting the polytheists against the Muslims.

The proof for this is Allaah's statement:

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا لَا تَتَّخِذُوا الْيَهُودَ وَالنَّصَارَىٰ أَوْلِيَاءَ بَعْضُهُمْ أَوْلِيَاءُ بَعْضٍ وَمَنْ يَتَوَلَّهُمْ مِنْكُمْ فَإِنَّهُ مِنْهُمْ إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَا يَهْدِي الْقَوْمَ الظَّالِمِينَ

“O you who have believed, do not take the Jews and the Christians as allies. They are [in fact] allies of one another. And whoever is an ally to them among you - then indeed, he is [one] of them. Indeed, Allah guides not the wrongdoing people.”<sup>90</sup>

### 9<sup>th</sup> Nullifier

Whoever believes that it is permitted for some people to be free from (implementing) the Shariah (revealed laws) of Muhammad (ﷺ) (i.e., Islam), just as it was permitted for al-Khidr to be free from the Shariah of Musa, then he is a disbeliever.

### 10<sup>th</sup> Nullifier

Turning away from Allah's Religion, not learning it or implementing it (is an act of disbelief).

The proof for this is Allah's saying:

وَمَنْ أَظْلَمُ مِمَّنْ ذُكِّرَ بِآيَاتِ رَبِّهِ ثُمَّ أَعْرَضَ عَنْهَا إِنَّا مِنَ الْمُجْرِمِينَ مُنتَقِمُونَ

“And who does more wrong than he who is reminded of the ayat (signs/verses) of his Lord, then turns away from them. Verily, We shall extract retribution from the criminals.”<sup>91</sup>

Imam (Abdul Wahhab) said: And there is no difference in the things that nullify Islam between a person who is mocking, serious, or scared, except for one who is forced. Also, all of these things (nullifiers of Islam) are of great danger, and they are most likely to happen, so a Muslim should be careful from them, and should be afraid on himself from them.

<sup>90</sup> Qur'an: Surah Al-Maa'idah: 51

<sup>91</sup> Qur'an: Surah As-Sajdah: 22

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We seek refuge in Allah from His anger and His punishment. May the peace and blessing be on the best of His creatures, Muhammad (ﷺ).

**All Praise Is Due to Allah and His Blessings and Peace Be Upon His Prophet, His Family and His Companions.**

**End of The Treatise.**